

SHERMAN KENT

Sherman Kent was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 1 December 1903, and received his Ph.D. degree in history from Yale University. He was instructor of history at Yale, 1928-30, and 1933-36, assistant professor, 1936-40, and director of general studies, Yale graduate school, 1940-41. During the war, Professor Kent was initially Chief of the Mediterranean Section, Division of Special Information, Office

of Co-ordinator of Information, and then became Chief of the African Section, then of the Europe-Africa Division of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Office of Strategic Services. In that capacity he was directly responsible for the research and intelligence of a political, economic, and geographic nature on European countries, Africa, and the Near East. In January 1946, after the Research and Analysis Branch, Office of Strategic Services was transferred to the State Department, he became Deputy, then Acting Director of the Office of Research and Intelligence. Professor Kent was a member of the resident faculty of the National War College from August to December 1946. He is the author of the book, "Strategic Intelligence" (Princeton Univ. Press, 1949) which he wrote as a Guggenheim Fellow, January through September 1947. He resumed his duties as professor of history at Yale University in September 1947. In January of this year he joined the Agency as the Deputy Assistant Director for the Office of National Estimates.

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On leave from his position as Professor of History at Yale University, Dr. Sherman Kent joined CIA in November 1950 shortly after the reorganization of that agency.

From 1941 to 1946 he served first with the Office of Coordination of Information, thereafter with its successor organization, the Office of Strategic Services. In the latter organization Dr. Kent directed research and analysis on Europe, Africa, and the Near East. With the transfer of those activities to the State Department at the war's end, Dr. Kent became Acting Director of the Office of Research and Intelligence of the State Department, which position he held until June 1946. He served as a member of the resident civilian faculty of the National War College in the fall term of 1946. In 1947, as a Guggenheim fellow, he wrote "Strategic Intelligence," and later that year returned to Yale University.

Born in Chicago on December 1, 1903, Dr. Kent was educated in Washington, California, and at Yale where he received his Ph. B. in 1926 and his Ph. D. in 1933. A member of the Yale faculty since 1928, he maintains homes both in New Haven, Conn., and in Kentfield, Calif. His wife is the former Elizabeth Gregory of San Francisco. They have two children.